

8th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you on some additional precautionary actions that are being undertaken following students testing positive for COVID-19. Having sought advice from Public Health England, we are now implementing a partial school closure and Year 11 are now going to be learning remotely from home and are now self-isolating as a precaution to limit any transmission of the virus.

In the meantime, the school is safe to remain open to all students and teachers who are not part of that group and all students other than those we have communicated with already should continue to attend. This includes your child. As you will be aware, the concept of the social bubbles is to limit the mixing of students, and so by having robust processes in place we have been able to act immediately to limit the amount of students who need to go home.

For your awareness, the students identified that are accessing learning remotely are being asked to self-isolate for a 14-day period. If a student that has been asked to self-isolate as a precaution develops symptoms themselves, they will need to get tested and if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. If the result is positive, they are asked to inform the school immediately and isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms, and their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms. Household members of those individuals who are remote learning/working do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.

Those students not in school will be accessing remote learning from home to limit any disruption to their education and we have ensured they have access to high quality remote education resources that are linked to the curriculum expectations.

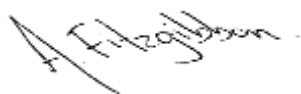
We are continuing to work closely with our local health protection team to ensure that we are taking all the necessary precautions, and will be continuing to operate the many other robust safety measures we have in place including social distancing, staggered school days, and increased hygiene and cleaning protocols to help limit any spread of the virus.

We would ask you to inform us as soon as possible if your child is contacted via track and trace, or should your child be experiencing any symptoms relating to COVID-19.

I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that, as always, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is our number one priority and we will continue to adhere to all Government and local guidance to safeguard our school community.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries that you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to get in touch myself or Mrs James, Operations Manager – we are here to help.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Fitzgibbon
Principal